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Research Argumentative & Persuasive Papers With Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints is a good place to find topics for argumentative and persuasive papers. **Opposing Viewpoints** also contains many magazine, newspaper and journal articles which are appropriate for argumentative and persuasive papers. You may get these articles from your Library or home computer.

Here's how:

- **1.a. When you are at the Library:** Select the "Other Databases" button in the Library Catalog (on a catalog computer). Look in the center column for the **Opposing Viewpoints** heading.
- **1.b. When you are using a computer at home:** Go to http://www.tempe.gov/library/. Select **electronic resources**. Look for the **Opposing Viewpoints** heading.
- 2. You will need to input your library card number and PIN before you may gain access.



3. When the **Opposing Viewpoints** page opens, there are many topics appropriate for persuasive and argumentative papers.



- 4. Under the **Viewpoints** tab, you will see a list of viewpoint articles. These articles cover different points of view and different aspects of your chosen topic. You may click on any title to display the article, and you may then print or email the article.
- **4.** In addition to the viewpoint articles, you may select the **Reference** tab. Reference articles are a good starting-place to get familiar with your topic.

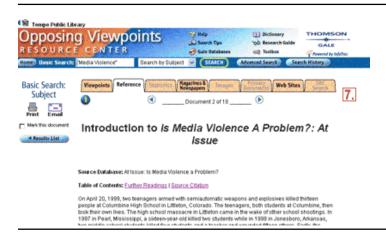
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6. From the Reference list, choose an article with a **Topic Overview** classification in the right column.



7. Each overview article gives a brief history of the topic, along with important aspects of the issue.

You may also find argumentative and persuasive articles in the **SIRS Knowledge Source** database. If you have questions about this database, call the Tempe Public Library Reference Desk at (480)350-5511. The Librarian may be able to tell you how to get the information you need.